Arizona State Mine Inspector

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MEMO to INDUSTRY MEMBERS

Re: Annual Report for YOUR AGGREGATE Mining Site

Dear Aggregate Industry:

Senate Bill 1171 recently made annual reporting a requirement per ARS27-1277, and requires an annual report be submitted each year within 60 days after the Anniversary date of the reclamation plan approval. The ARS 27-1277 statute follows:

27-1277. Annual status report
A. Within sixty days after the anniversary date of approval of each reclamation plan the owner or operator shall submit to the division a status report for the preceding year.
B. The report shall be in a form prescribed by the state mine inspector and shall include:
1. The acreage of surface disturbance during the reporting year and the total acreage of surface disturbance at the mining facility.
2. The acreage of reclamation conducted during the reporting year and the total acreage of reclamation at the mining facility.
3. The status of the aggregate mining operation at the end of the reporting year.
4. Any change in the names and addresses of the owner, operator and the regulatory contact.
C. The inspector may request further information to supplement or clarify the report, but if the inspector does not respond within thirty days after receiving the report, it is considered to be accepted for the purposes of this section.

This letter is to inform you of the needed Annual Report due within 60 days after your Reclamation Plans Anniversary Date *(Plan Approval date),* for YOUR MINING ___(Name)___ Rock site. The Annual Report format is a requirement per ARS 27-1277, and the proposed Rule of the Arizona Administrative Code R11-3-504, which includes the necessary format requirements to report the annual status of the Minesite and property. ASMI files all reports with the original Approved Plan.

Please note the following issues:

1) The facility must notify the ASMI of any additional changes to the site (if any); current disturbances and total disturbances to date; the current years reclaimed acres and total reclaimed acres to date; and if there are any other changes to the cost tables to re claim the Minesite. Also, the Minesite needs to update the Owner/Operator status, such as any name changes and/or current addresses and contact persons, and current contact information. This would include land ownership changes etc. and/or the owner/operator needs to notify ASMI anytime a company has been transferred (if the company has not already performed this change).

2) The Financial Assurance mechanism status should be identified within the letter. The identity and type of financial mechanisms the company is currently utilizing (such as; were there any changes to financial mechanism), and whether a corporate surety has been changed to a bond etc., and if the current financial mechanism is still in effect, or when a new mechanism will be submitted and/or verification of still in force or updated.

3) Please provide other topics which your company feels is of interest, and any updated maps (or figures) and addendums with the annual report to show current or future activity. (maps are not a requirement unless changes are made at the mining property).
For instance a map or figure which shows a plan for Phases of operation on the Minesite (for instance a five year plan or ten year planned phase) or any considerable new disturbances or new reclaimed areas, could be submitted to support the original plan. Maps can be very useful to support reclamation cost estimates, presently or in the future, when financial mechanisms are adjusted or modified for incremental status in support of A.R.S27-1295, should it be needed.

*** Please see EXAMPLE Annual Reports on the website www.asmi.az.gov under Reclamation- aggregate documents and forms.***

If you have any questions please contact Garrett Fleming in the Reclamation Department at (602)542-5971.

Sincerely,

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